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1. No information is available regarding military aid to Prince Souphanavong's Free Lao forces, by the Viet Minh. Nor is there any record of Prince Souphanavong's having received financial assistance from the Viet Minh since he was given the sum of 620,000 piasters at the time Laos attained its independence.
2. The Viet Minh is organizing military training of Vietnamese refugees in northeast Thailand.* Instructors sent to Thailand by the Viet Minh include many Japanese and the training follows Japanese methods.
3. Liaison between the Viet Minh and Vietnamese in Thailand is conducted from a Viet Minh communications unit based in the Hue area.

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